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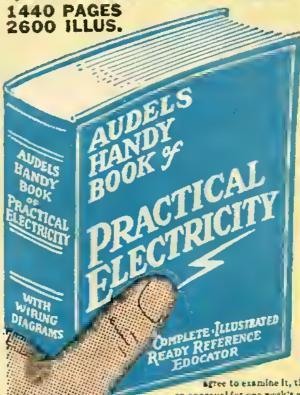
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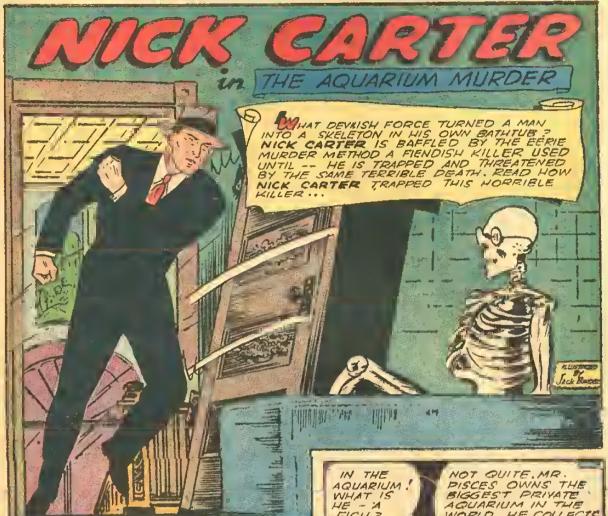
























































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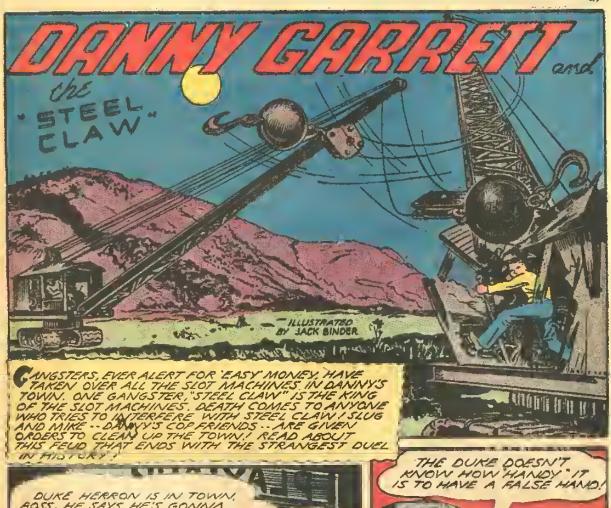
































































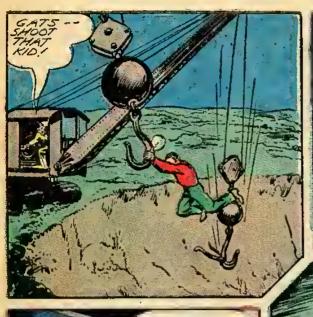












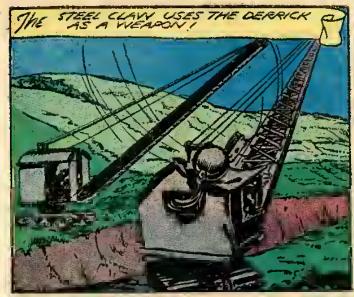




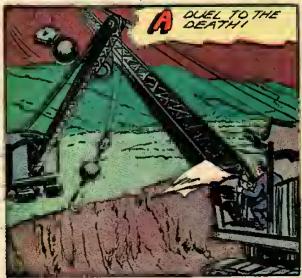




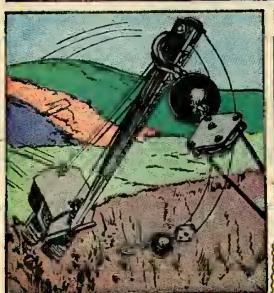














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CHRISTOPHE, THE BLACK EMPEROR OF HAITI

Slightly more than a century ago the black slaves of Hatti, on the West Indian island of Hispaniola known to some as Santo Domingo freed themselves from their French masters in a bloody revolt. A Negro general named Christophe (pronounce ii Krts-to-fay) set up a kingdom in the northern part



of the country. He was a stern and excellent soldier who had led his Ne gre countrymen in a victorious march against the French army Everyone feared him for he punished those

who disobeyed orders with death

To defend his mountainous emptre Christophe decided to huild a citadel or fort at the top of a cliff. As there were no wagons to haul the heavy stones and cannon up the steep mountainside the work had to be done by men. Ropes were tied about their waists and they drew the huge boulders up to the very top of the cliff. One day the main sione weighing many tons was tied to the human horses who were ordered to drag it up to the fort. They pulled and pulled and could only move it a few feet at a time. Watching was Emperor Christophe who ordered the men whipped to make them pull harder When no success was achieved. Christophe called every third man out of line. They stepped out cheerfully believing they were to be rested. In stead the emperor shot them down! Then he sold the others their fate would be similar unless the stone quickly reached the top. Superhuman strength finally brought the burden to the fort

One day a visitor from England was shown the



Hairian army. He saw troop after troop of well-trained soldiers march around the palace past the reviewing stand. This went on for several hours and the stranger was amazed to see

so many well equipped and able soldiers in such a small country. Unknown to him the troopers changed their unitoring when they were our of sight Then they marched back as a different company!

The emperor formed a court of nobles who were even unable to write their own names. As a joke on regulat nobility he gave them the oddest kind of names. There were the Duke and Duchess of Raspberry the Earl of Watermelon, Baron Pumpernickel, the Count and Countess of Strawberry Baron Tomate and many other names that made foreign court wisitors laugh aloud to hear them called out

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SCAT!

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"The public be hanged!" muttered Joe as he watched the headlights of the approaching car. One minute before closing time, his street clothes on, and the last car well on its way replete with gas and oil when along comes the inevitable last-minute driver. He snapped off the radio, grabbed Blackie, the cat, by the scuff of the neck with one hand, his work jacket with the other, and went outside.

Joe froze his face into what he hoped was a smile and approached the dark-green sedan. Two men sat in the front seat with the third in the back. "Husky guys," he thought to himself as he made out the vague outlines of the late-comers. Joe himself was slight of build, quick of movement, but definitely slight.



"Why should he be thinking of the huskiness of these men?" was the idea that touched his consciousness. "Jittery," he muttered, mocking himself.

"What's yours, sir?"

"Got a telephone, bud?" queried a slow, deliberate voice from the shadowy region of the back seat.

"So, that's all they want! The nerve of some guys," thought Joe, as he watched the stocky figure open the door of the small gas station.

The meager contents of the room stood out in relief—the stool, the counter, the cigarette machine, the oil cans, the radio, the safe. Joe shivered. Never had he seen the room so clearly outlined as now in the black setting of the night. What he did not see was the glistening streak that was Blackie skin up the path and into the door in front of the visitor By this time the windows of the car were shined, the oil and water checked, the tires tested



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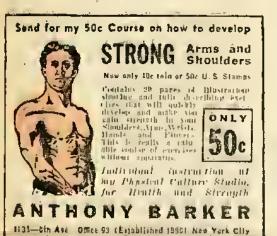
"Any gas?" murmured Joe.

"Nope," returned the slouched figure in the front seat next to the driver.

Suddenly and quite unexpectedly, a cold sensation affected Joe's stomach. The whole thing was clear to him. "It's a holdup!" flashed before his mind. In all of his years in the work he had played with the idea of a robbery, but now that it was the farthest from his thoughts, it had come. What to do? One little undernourished fellow against three huskies. "Maybe they'll kill me!" he thought. Pictures of himself flat on his face in a nool of blood, and then again of his body stuffed into the safe, crowded into his mind. Headlines reading, "Gas attendant, father of three, found murdered" passed in review. His legs suddenly felt leaden; his hands were pieces of ice; his voice thickened. "I must say something," He thought.

"Nice day-" His voice trembled.

He felt, rather than saw, the man who had entered the shop open the door and hurry down the path." "Now," he muttered to himself. The heavy footsteps crunched over the gravel—faster, he noted, than they had gone up. "Now, now—" His head hammered. The picture was terrible; its hopelessness stunned him. He was completely alone at night with three thugs. Not a single pair of headlights broke the dark monotony of the road. The footsteps were practically on him. How would



it happen? A blow on the head? A gun? Chloroform? A knife?

The cold sweat broke out on Joe's brow and shone in the lights of the car. "Waiting for death must be like this," he thought. "Now," his brain screamed. He almost could feel a hand on his throat, the fingers closing. The footsteps were on him and then suddenly, unbelievably, around him. The back door of the car opened and closed. "Drive on!" gruffly commanded the back-seat man whose hat covered half of his face and whose turned-up collar covered the other half

The motor roared, the gear screeched. Joe was alone! He moved weakly toward the bench. His knees gave way from under him "How? Why? What?" were a few of the futile questions that best against his aching head. Moments passed before he could draw off his cost with slinking hands and stumble into the office.

In the middle of the floor sat Blackie licking his shining lur, Joe's pent-up emotions found relief.

"Damh you, Blackie! Scat! Scat! I say, before I break your neck." Blackie's green eyes glared back.

At the same time a green sedan with three riders slipped along the road. 'Spill it boss," said the man to the right of the driver "Give."

The man in the back seat thought of a sheath of black fur—a black cat—crossing his path, shuddered and snapped, "Reasons!" The two front-seaters knew better than to pursue the questioning.

At the same time a little way back at the gas station, Joe kicked Blackie and said, "Now scat!"

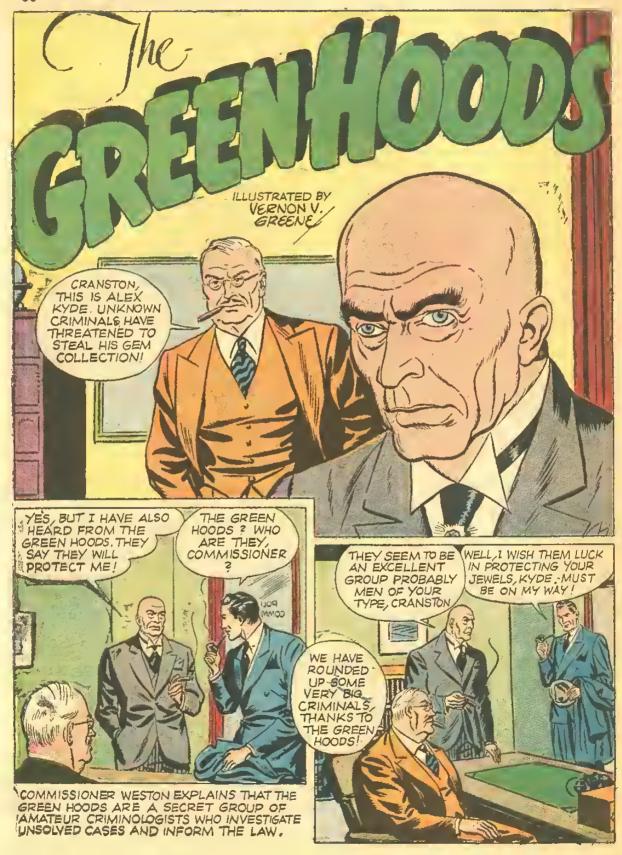
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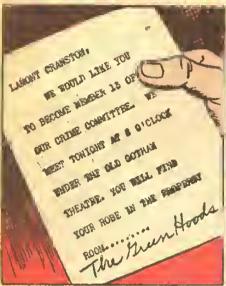
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